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Electric Vehicles, charging stations surge in Mysuru

Electric two-wheelers being charged at the charging station on Vani Vilas Road. Picture right shows an electric car getting charged at Mall of Mysore in city.

Mysuru, May 3 (RK&BCT)- The sales of Electric Vehicle (EV) of different makes and the development of EV infrastructure in Mysuru have experienced notable growth.

Officials report that sales have surged significantly, attributed to the rush to purchase vehicles before the conclusion of the Faster Adoption & Manufacturing of Electric Vehicles (FAME-II) subsidy scheme.

In response to the demand, the Centre has launched the Electric Mobility Promotion Scheme 2024, allocating a budget of Rs. 500 crore to sustain support for the acquisition of electric two and three-wheelers until the end of July this year.

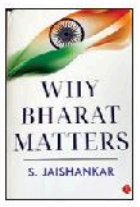
Data from the Government's Vahan website reveals that Karnataka ranks third in India in terms of EV sales, with 0.28 million EVs (3,42,690) registered since 2021. Uttar Pradesh leads the country in EV sales with 6,10,895 EVs, followed by Maharashtra in second place with 4,39,936 EVs registered during the same period.

According to statistics from the Regional Transport Office, as of March 2022, Mysuru had a total of 2,465 electric two-wheelers, 75 three-wheelers and 208 electric four-wheelers registered. By 2024 April, the number of electric two-wheelers registered in the Mysuru West RTO has surged to 13,324 vehicles, along with 65 passenger autos, 117 goods autos and 786 electric cars.

(See VEHICLES on page 7)

To Our Readers

*Turn to Page-6 for a review of External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar's book **'Why Bharat Matters'** by R. Chandra Prakash under the heading **"Bharat no longer international punching bag."** —Ed*



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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Friday 3rd May 2024

'Nada Nritya' Bharatanatyam recital on May 5

Mysuru, May 3 - Nrityagiri Performing Arts and Research Centre, Mysuru, has organised its monthly programme 'Nada Nritya' on May 5 at its premises in Preethi Layout in city. Students of Vidu. Pooja Sugam and Vid. R. Pavan Kumar (disciple of Guru Vid. R. Kannan) will be presenting Bharatanatyam recitals at 5.45 pm.

The main intention of the concert series is to spread the joy and glory of Indian art forms among the fraternity and cause a culturally strong Bharatham, says a press release from Dr. Kripa Phadke, Director of Nrityagiri Academy of Performing Arts and Research Centre and also the President of Karnataka Sangeetha Nrithya Academy.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Stoicism is the resilience to the fortunes and misfortunes of life, to be prepared for any eventuality that can confront us, with the philosophy "Do what you must, let happen what may."

Stoicism is the wisdom that comes with living and best understood by those who have weathered battles, known losses and faced rejection, humiliation and tragedy.

In adversity lies strength and growth as the stoic philosopher Seneca says no tree becomes rooted and sturdy unless many a wind assaults it. Stoicism offers a handrail in tough times and lights the way forward.

Stoics are by no means pessimists. They are practical philosophers who believe that everything happens for a reason born out of a rational order that puts everything in place. The stoic not only sees his glass half full but is happy he has a glass at all. Epictetus, the Roman slave turned philosopher, says "some things are up to us some things are not" and this expresses the essence of stoicism.

While the message is clear we are living in tumultuous times that tell us we are in control of our destiny and the sky is the limit. However most things we think are under our control are not whether fame or wealth but subject to vagaries of circumstance. Life offers no guarantee of success or longevity but we command what matters — our opinions, impulses, attitudes, desires, aversions, the power to master our interior world. Instant, spontaneous negative reactions should not metastasise into full blown emotions.

Epictetus says to place our happiness at the disposal of others allowing them to colonise our minds, is self imposed bondage, a ceding of our sovereignty.

The universe follows a script not written by us. But we must embrace roles given to us, as we are but agents of divine providence, we must enjoy our journey with the will given to us but the journey's end rests elsewhere.

Our emotions are a product of rational thought but it is flawed thought, we can change the way we feel by changing the way we think. The stoic aims not to feel nothing but to feel correctly and above all accept what is inevitable.

Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr, the American theologian says in his "Serenity Prayer," "God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference."

—Sudha Devi Nayak in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Woman kidnaps girl to raise her as wife for son

Beijing: A woman was recently sentenced to prison for kidnapping an 11-year-old girl whom she planned to raise into the perfect wife for her 27-year-old son.

The woman surnamed Yang met the underaged girl on February 13, 2023, while visiting a village in Liupanshui City in the southwestern province of Guizhou in China. Convinced that she would make a great bride for her much older son, she asked the girl's parents if they would allow her to come back with her to Qujing City, Yunnan province.

The girl's father refused the proposal, but that only made the woman go ahead with her backup plan. She conspired with her 27-year-old son to kidnap the girl and on Feb. 14 they waited until the target was home alone and abducted her.

Scammed into buying non-existent cat flowers

New York: Scammers are always finding new ways of taking advantage of gullible people, and apparently selling seeds of fake flowers generated by artificial intelligence is one of their latest techniques.

Artificial intelligence is touted as the next big thing in technological evolution, but right now it also seems to be a perfect tool for scammers looking to take advantage of people who can't tell the difference between what's real and what's not. Forget the elaborate scams where AI is used to fake actual people's faces and voices, or the perfect-looking digital avatars posing as virtual girlfriends for hire, these days people are using artificial intelligence to create fake flowers that look like cute cat faces and selling seeds to clueless plant lovers online. Seeds of non-existent plants with named like "Cats Eye Dazzle" are currently being sold on popular e-commerce platforms.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Is a high number of SPF sunscreen better than low number one?
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By Dr. Ravi .S - Consultant Dermatology & Cosmetologist - Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Harmonium Maestro Pt. Sudhir Nayak performs for Ninaada

As part of Ninaada Griha Sangeeta series by Ranjani Memorial Trust, a solo performance of Harmonium Maestro Pt. Sudhir Nayak was held on Apr. 27 at 'Ninaada' in Kergalli, Mysuru. It was the 14th home concert of the series. Vignesh Kamath accompanied him on tabla while Prasad Kamath on harmonium sangat and Ram Mohan Rao in swara mandal.

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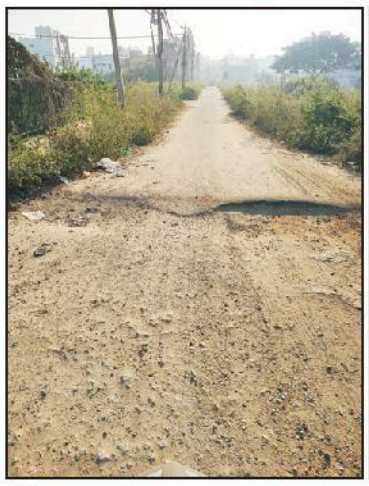
VOICE OF THE READER

Crucial road works abruptly halted



Sir,

The 50-metre main road construction initiated by the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) more than a year ago, adjacent to Rathnamanikya Cycling Institute, Shiva Temple, Dattagalli Ring Road, has been abruptly halted for reasons undisclosed.

This road is vital as it connects nearby areas such as Ramakrishnanagar I Block, Karthik Layout, MUDA Employees Layout, and Dattagalli to the Ring Road. The prolonged suspension of work is causing inconvenience to residents of all ages and has resulted in injuries to several senior citizens. We earnestly urge the officials concerned from MUDA to promptly resume and complete the pending work to alleviate the hardships faced by the community.

—Residents of 1st Cross, MUDA Employees Layout
Dattagalli 30.4.2024

Sainik Academy Mysuru celebrates May Day, fetes Pourakarmikas

Mysuru, May 3 (BS)- Sainik Academy Mysuru felicitated three Pourakarmikas of Hootagalli City Municipal Council (CMC) here on account of May Day celebrations on Wednesday.

According to a press release, three Pourakarmikas Mahadev, R. Kamalamma and Ashok were felicitated, for being honest and hard-working, as informed by the CMC.

Speaking on the occasion, retired Commando C.M. Sridhar, also the Founder of the Academy said "Everybody starting from a cleaning staff to officer is a labour, without whom one cannot imagine of any development and progress in the society. It is our prime duty to honour all our labourers, which we should do throughout the year."

Earlier, aSwachhatacampaign was conducted by the Academy at Hootagalli and Belavadi.

Co-founder of the Academy Anitha Sridhar, Prof. K. Vijaykumar, Sunitha, Health Inspector of Hootagalli CMC Anish and staff, pourakarmikas and the students and staff of Sainik Academy took part.

'Chaitra-2024' edition of Champaka Rashtreeya Kalaa Utsava on May 4

Mysuru, May 3- Champaka Educational and Cultural Trust, Mysuru, is conducting its monthly cultural events since June 2023 to showcase Indian performing arts under the banner "Champaka Rashtreeya Kalaa Utsava."

The 'Chaitra-2024' edition will be held on May 4 at 5 pm at Champaka Sabhangana in the Champaka Academy premises at Ramakrishnanagar.

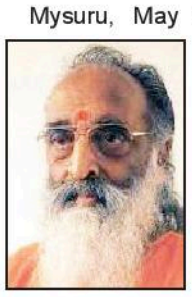
This event will showcase Bharatanatyam performances by accomplished artistes from Mysuru and Puttur.

The evening will start with Bharatanatyam performance featuring the disciples of Karnataka Kalashree Vidushi Nayana V. Rai, Founder-Director of Vishwakalaniketana Institute of Arts & Culture and Vidushi Swastika R. Shetty of Puttur, Kudkadi.

Vidushi S.N. Meghana Rao, Director of Natya Samskruthi Kalanikethana, Mysuru and disciples will present a Bharatanatyam feature thereafter.

Karnataka Kalashree Vidushi G. Rajalakshmi Sreedhar, Director of Swaralaya Music School, Mysuru, will be the chief guest, according to a press release from Dr. Nagalakshmi Nagarajan, Managing Trustee, Champaka Educational and Cultural Trust.

Swami Chinmayananda Jayanthi in city on Sunday



Mysuru, May 3- Chinmaya Mission will be celebrating the 108th birth anniversary of Pujya Swami Chinmayananda Saraswathi, affectionately called as Gurudev by his disciples, by holding various programmes all over the world throughout the year

Chinmaya Mission, Mysuru, has organised a programme to celebrate this unique event in a special way. The Jayanthi celebration will be held at "Sri Gurudeva Datta Sannidhi," #148, 6th Main, 3rd Stage, Gokulam, on Sunday (May 5) from 5.30 pm to 8 pm. Swami Mahamedhanandaji of Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru, will grace the occasion. *Star of Mysore* and *Mysuru Mithra* Founder-Editor K.B. Ganapathy will be the chief guest. Swamini Kashikanandaji, Resident Acharya of Chinmaya Mission, will highlight the vision and mission of Swami Chinmayananda and the various activities of Chinmaya Mission.

Bhajans, Paduka Puja and arathi will be performed in reverence of Poojya Gurudev. All spiritual saadhaks and devotees of Mysuru may attend the event.

Musical event on May 5

Mysuru, May 3 (GA&VNS)- City's Sneha Sangama - Haadugala Sambhrama music troupe has organised a musical event at Jaganmohan Palace auditorium here on May 5 at 4 pm.

Addressing media persons at Pathrakarthara Bhavan, troupe member Lingaraju said that the programme would be inaugurated by R. Ramu, leader, Koorgalli village. Singer Amulya will be the chief guest.

A total of 11 members of the troupe will be rendering about 45 songs from Hindi and Kannada movies, he said.

Singers K.I. Prakash and Satish Raju were present.

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Disruption in water supply

Due to emergency maintenance works in Hongalli and Belagola power distribution centres, there will be disruption in water supply on May 3 and 4 between 10 am and 6 pm, in the following areas coming under MCC Ward Nos. 1 to 7, 20, 23, 38, 47 and Ward Nos. 42 to 45 — Hebbal, Kumbarakoppal, Manchegowdanakoppal, K.G. Koppal, Metagalli, Lokanayaknagar, Brindavan Extension, Vontikoppal, Paduvarahalli (Vinayakanagar), Mandi Mohalla, Lashkar Mohalla, Sharadadevinagar, Saraswathipuram, Bogadi, Vijayanagar 1st, 2nd and 3rd Stages, Gokulam 1st, 2nd and 3rd stages, RMP Colony, BEML Layout, Yadavagiri, Bannimantap LIC Layout, Eeranagere, Siddiqinagar, Tilaknagar, Bade Makaan, Haleemnagar, Devaraja Mohalla, parts of N.R. Mohalla, Nazarbad, Vidyaranyapuram, Krishnamurthypuram, Janatanagar, Hootagalli KHB Colony, Shivarathreeshwara Nagar and surrounding areas, according to a press release.

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Wankhede Stadium, Mumbai— **7.30 pm**

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RCB Vs **GT**

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Assaulting mother-in-law, brother-in-law

Sessions Court sentences man to seven years in jail

Mysuru, May 3 (KS)- The Fifth Additional District and Sessions Court of Mysuru has handed down a seven-year prison sentence and imposed a fine of Rs. 20,000 on M. Kendaganna, a resident of Hebbalaguppe village in H.D. Kote taluk.

Kendaganna was found guilty of assaulting his mother-in-law and brother-in-law with a machete, causing serious injuries to them.

Kendaganna had married Tanuja from the same village, and the couple initially enjoyed a happy life together for three to four years. However, the situation changed when Tanuja was selected as a Village Accountant and was posted to Madhugiri.

Harassed for salary

Kendaganna began to mentally and physically harass Tanuja, demanding her salary. Upon learning of this abuse, Tanuja confided in her family members, who advised Kendaganna to stop the harassment.

Upon discovering that Tanuja was sending her salary to her parents, Kendaganna harboured animosity towards his mother-in-law Hemavathi and brother-in-law Manoj, threatening to disrupt their peace. Despite advice from village elders to live harmoniously, Kendaganna's resentment persisted.

Manoj, who resided in Yarahalli village due to his job at Handpost, was preparing for his marriage scheduled for Jan. 30, 2020. Kendaganna and Tanuja arrived at Manoj's residence ten days before the wedding to assist with the arrangements.

Early morning assault

However, in the early hours of Jan. 29, 2020, Kendaganna, after leaving the house momentarily, returned wielding a machete and brutally attacked Manoj while he slept in the hall. Subsequently, he also assaulted his mother-in-law Hemavathi when she rushed to Manoj's aid upon hearing his cries for help.

Tanuja and Hemavathi's relative, Rathnamma, who were sleeping in the hall, were awakened by the commotion and rushed to help Hemavathi and Manoj.

Kendaganna attempted to assault Tanuja, prompting her to flee the house and call for assistance, leading to their rescue by neighbours.

Following the incident, the injured Manoj and Hemavathi were transported to Taluk Hospital, where they received initial medical treatment before being transferred to a private hospital in Mysuru.

The H.D. Kote Police, after recording Hemavathi's statement at the hospital, initiated a case against Kendaganna. Subsequently, the Police conducted an investigation and submitted a charge sheet to the Court.

Judge Gururaj Somakkalavar heard the arguments from both sides and after deliberation, Kendaganna was found guilty of the crime and sentenced to seven years in prison, along with a fine of Rs. 20,000.

Public Prosecutor B.E. Yogeshwar represented the Government during the proceedings.

Severed human leg found in Varuna residential layout

Mysuru, May 3 (RK&KS)- Residents of Caliber Properties in Varuna village were shocked to discover a severed human leg in front of Site No. 34 yesterday morning. It is suspected that a stray dog may have carried the severed leg from a nearby biomedical waste disposal unit and left it at the site.

Concerned residents have accused the biomedical waste disposal unit of improper waste disposal practices, which they believe are causing issues for the community.

In response to a complaint by the residents, Varuna Police personnel visited the scene, conducted an investigation and instructed officials from the waste disposal unit to ensure the proper and scientific disposal of medical waste.

Four go missing from city

Shivashanthi

Punarvasu and Punarva

Mysuru, May 3- In separate cases, four persons including a woman and her two children have gone missing from Nazarbad Police limits in city.

In the first case, a woman and her two children, who left the house on Apr. 27, have since gone missing.

The missing woman and children are 23-year-old Shivashanthi, six-year-old Punarvasu and two-and-a-half-year-old Punarva.

In the second case, 19-year-old Yohan, who left his house on Apr. 27 morning, has since gone missing. Those having any information about the above missing persons may contact Nazarbad Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418308 or call the Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339, according to a press release.

Yohan

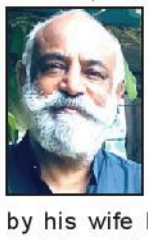
Obituary

Karen Kavitha

Mysuru, May 3- Karen Kavitha (39), wife of Alyster and a resident of Bengaluru, passed away at a private hospital following brief illness this morning.

She leaves behind her father Sathya Kumar, mother Cecilia, sister Maria, husband and a host of relatives and friends. Funeral was held at Benson Cemetery on Nanjangud Road this afternoon.

Col. (Retd.) C. Anil Kumar Nair



Col. (Retd.) C. Anil Kumar Nair (64), a resident of VV Mohalla, passed away following brief illness yesterday.

He is survived by his wife Brinda Nair, sons Rahul and Karan, daughter Amrita and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Chirashanthidhama in Gokulam this afternoon.

City Court grants bail to Santro Ravi

Released from Parappana Agrahara Jail

Santro Ravi

Mysuru, May 3- The city's 6th Additional District and Sessions Court has granted bail to K.S. Manjunath alias Santro Ravi, who is in jail in prostitution and sexual assault case, following which Ravi was released from Parappana Agrahara Jail in Bengaluru.

It may be recalled that following a complaint from a woman (said to be Santro Ravi's second wife, a case against K.S. Manjunath alias Santro Ravi was registered under the provisions of SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act and under IPC Sections 376 and 498.

Ravi had gone absconding and on Jan. 13, 2023, Santro Ravi, along with two of his accomplices — 45-year-old Ramji and 35-year-old Satish Kumar — were arrested at Ahmedabad in Gujarat and brought to Mysuru in the early hours of Jan. 14. The State Government later transferred the case to the CID. Ravi was later shifted from Mysuru Jail to Bengaluru.

Santro Ravi had moved the District Court seeking bail, which was rejected. He then moved the High Court (HC), which also dismissed his bail application, following which he moved the Supreme Court, which too dismissed his bail application.

Meanwhile, Ravi took ill and senior HC Advocate Ravindra Kamath, citing Ravi's illness, filed a bail petition at Mysuru's 6th Additional District and Sessions Court.

The Judge, who took up the bail plea, granted bail to Ravi on Apr. 29 and Ravi walked out of the jail on Apr. 30.

Meanwhile, city's Odanadi Seva Samsthe, has decided to move Supreme Court questioning the bail granted to Santro Ravi by the 6th Additional District and Sessions Court.

Take precautions to tackle water crisis: DC

Mysuru, May 3 (BS)- Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra has instructed the officers to take precautions to ensure that the drinking water related issues won't surface in the district and tackle them effectively.

Chairing the District Disaster Management Authority meeting through video conference at his office in city yesterday, the DC said "Several complaints related to drinking water supply are being received and all the officers including Tahsildars, Taluk Panchayats Executive Officers and AEEs of Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation Department should take adequate measures by conducting daily meetings to check water related complaints in the villages."

DC Rajendra also clarified that there is no dearth of funds for drinking water supply, but the officials should handle the situation in coordination. The bills of private borewells towards water supply will be borne from the disaster management funds.

Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra chairing the District Disaster Management Authority meeting at his office in city yesterday.

Hence the private borewells should be hired depending on the requirement to supply water to the people.

Presently, water is supplied to villages facing water crisis through private borewells. If no rainfall occurs in the coming days, about 113 villages are expected to face severe water crisis. As a precautionary measure, private borewells have been already identified as per the demand and the officials must buckle up to handle the drought situation effectively. The lakes will be playing a pivotal role during drought and the works on collecting information of the lakes and removing the silt should be taken up. A list of whether the lakes are encroached upon or not should be prepared, along with the action taken to fence them. The silt removed from the lake can be used for building basic infrastructural facilities and also for farming activities, advised DC.

Taluk-wise meeting of farmer leaders should be convened and complaints related to drinking water supply, shortage of fodder for cattle and the status of *gau shalas* should be sought to address the issues.

Of late, there are instances of drilling private borewells without taking any permission. Such cases should be taken into serious consideration and action should be initiated within the ambit of law against the guilty. That apart, the borewells sans water and defunct borewells rendered unused without electricity connection should be closed at the earliest, as they may pose a bigger threat otherwise in the future.

The focus should be on burial grounds, lakes and other public properties and should be utilised for meeting the demands for creating government facilities and aiding the poor without shelter of their own, by incorporating Land Beat System.

Awareness must be created from Gram Panchayat (GP) level itself among people about the drinking water related issues and drought situation being faced at present, cautioning them against wasting water and utilise them as per the requirement.

In the recent days, cholera cases are also being reported prompting measures to ensure quality before supplying the water.

With the rain expected in this month, measures should be taken to provide fodder and water to the cattle and livestock. Farmers should be encouraged to grow crops suiting the relevant weather condition, he said.

Water points should be set up at busy places like markets, hotels and other places for the benefit of tourists and the public.

He also suggested to advise the people to consume liquid food and wear cotton clothes to beat the heat.

In case of any complaints related to drinking water, people can lodge complaints by dialling 1077, the DC said.

ZP CEO K.M. Gayathri said "With health related issues cropping up among the people due to the consumption of contaminated water, water should be supplied only after testing its quality. Moreover, measures should be taken to maintain the water supply without giving room for any issues."

Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner Dr. N.N. Madhu, Tahsildars of Mysuru, Nanjangud, Periyapatna, HD Kote, Sargur, T. Narasipur, Hunsur and KR Nagar taluks and officers of Revenue Department were present.

Jingle on water, MCC way to educate people

Auto tippers deployed to collect waste play pre-recorded jingles in Kannada; innovative way to save water amidst sweltering heat

Mysuru, May. 3 (MK&BS)- With the sweltering heat posing a threat to drinking water supply network, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has taken to jingles to disseminate message in Kannada on 'Limited Use of Water Without Wasting Water Considered as the Lifeline.'

Starting today, the auto tippers of MCC deployed to collect waste daily from door-to-door have been playing pre-recorded jingles, along with regular message on segregation of dry and wet waste being played in Kannada.

MCC Commissioner Dr. N.N. Madhu told *Star of Mysore*, "The jingles are played to spread a message against unnecessarily wasting water by washing two-wheelers and cars, along with running the public tap. The main focus is on educating the people on using water as per the requirement."

In the present situation, there is no threat to drinking water supply in the city, but as a precaution, awareness drive has been taken up. The water is being supplied in tankers to those places facing water crisis and action will be taken against those who waste water. In the wake of prevailing heat wave, the hoteliers have been already instructed to supply potable water to customers and also maintain hygiene in toilets. The MCC officials and staff have been also told to keep an eye on the complaints related to leakages in drinking water pipes and taps and water flowing towards underground drainages and Reverse Osmosis (RO) water units, in each of the wards. Action is also being taken to collect dues towards water bill, she added.

Apart from 800 borewells of MCC, private borewells have been identified so that they can be used as an alternative to meet the demand for drinking water in case of any disruption in water supply. Action will be taken against drilling borewells without permission.

Senior Health Officer of MCC Dr. N.B. Venkatesh said precautionary measures are also being taken to check the prevalence of diseases like cholera and dengue in summer. Fogging will be conducted once in three days during the evening, restricting to a particular area on those days. This includes the premises of Maharani's Women's Commerce and Management College in Paduvarahalli (Vinayakanagar), the venue of counting where EVMs of recently concluded Lok Sabha elections of Mysuru-Kodagu Constituency have been stored in the strong rooms.

DONORS CAN HELP

"Interested donors can also join hands with Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) in providing water to general public especially at busy places. With the rise in maximum temperature level, the donors can arrange for drinking water at busy places. The MCC will provide space for such initiatives."

— Dr. N.N. Madhu, MCC Commissioner

Sree Kumaran Jewellers
Showroom to open on May 5

Sree Kumaran Jewellers Assistant Manager Suresh Kumar addressing a press meet at Pathrakarthara Bhavan in city yesterday as others look on.

Mysuru, May 3 (GA&DM)- Sree Kumaran Jewellers, a well known South Indian Brand in Jewellery, will be opening their first showroom in Karnataka in Mysuru on Bengaluru-Nilgiri Road near KSRTC Sub Urban Bus Stand on May 5.

Announcing this at a press meet here on Sunday, Sree Kumaran Jewellers Assistant Manager Suresh Kumar said that the Kumaran Group's 48th showroom would be inaugurated by Group's Head T.K. Chandran at 9.30 am on May 5.

Pointing out that Kumaran Groups which started its venture as a family business with Chennai Silk Sarees, is a 62-year-old company, he said that the Kumaran had also become a popular brand for Gold, Silver and Diamond Jewellery.

As part of the showroom inauguration at Mysuru, there will be special discount on sale of jewellery, Suresh Kumar added.

Group Managing Director K. Vinayagam, Executive Director Vikram Narayan, Customer Relations Officer O.V. Jayakumar and others were present at the press meet.

Bharat no longer international punching bag

By R. Chandra Prakash

Chandra Prakash

In 2019, Indian Air Force (IAF) planes bombed Balakot in Pakistan. This was a retaliatory action in response to Pulwama terrorist attack by Pakistan-sponsored terrorist groups. When Wing Commander Abhinandan Varthaman was captured by Pakistan, Bharat got him back unscathed within a couple of days. Whereas, the more ghastly Mumbai terrorist attack in 2009 by Pakistan-sponsored group had only resulted in India's **paper protests. Till 2014, Pakistan's "Atomic power threat" had dictated India's responses to its every grave terrorist attacks.**

Similarly, in 2020 the China's Galwan misadventure was repulsed by our defence forces, even though it cost the lives of our 20 brave Jawans. Whereas, till then India's responses to every incursion, ever since 1962 Indo-China border conflicts, has been only paper statements.

Under the threat of COVID pandemic in 2020, the biggest ever evacuation exercise in modern history, India brought back nearly 2,50,000 of its nationals from across the world. In 2022, Bharat very safely and very quickly had evacuated 23,000 (18,000 of whom were students) of its trapped citizens from war-torn Ukraine. In May 2023, it successfully evacuated 534 of its citizens from war-torn Sudan.

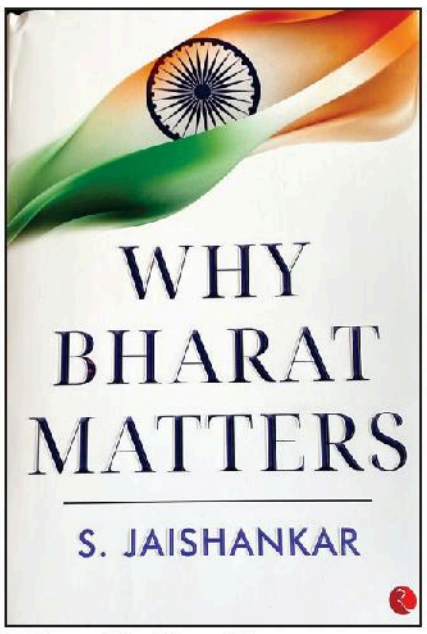
In 2023, the conduct of very successful one year long G20 Summit in 92 places all over the country and on the suggestion of Bharat, inclusion of African Union countries (with its own 55 membership) into the G20 fold are considered as a great international contribution. Indian diaspora the world over is emerging as a very influential nationality and stands as a symbol of international brotherhood.

As recently as in Feb. 2024, Bharat managed to get nine of its veteran defence personnel facing death sentences, for alleged espionage, released from a very powerful Islamic nation, Qatar. Inauguration by Prime Minister Narendra Modi of the massive and beautiful BAPS Hindu Temple in UAE on Feb.14, 2024 is considered as the most successful diplomatic endeavour. It in fact stands testimony to the growing prominence of Bharat in the international arena.

And to cap it all now the Indian Navy is protecting and rescuing ships passing through the Suez Canal in the Red Sea from attacks by the Yemeni Houthi rebels.

BHARAT - THE NEW INDIA

It is in the above context that the book



Title: Why Bharat Matters
Author: S. Jaishankar
Year: 2024
Pages: 226
Price: Rs. 695
Publisher: Rupa Publications India Pvt. Ltd,.

'Why Bharat Matters' by none other than the present **Foreign Minister S. Jaishankar,** gets its extraordinary importance.

Jaishankar has credible credentials. Apart from his experienced command over the diplomacy, he is very articulate and reliably diplomatic, both in his speeches and writing. In *'Why Bharat Matters'* the author explains the metamorphic shift in the operation of our foreign policy, retaining its long-tested fundamental principles.

He desires to discharge two responsibilities through this book. First, "to share the thinking of a rising power with a world that has become increasingly aware of that happening. Second is to communicate the necessity of accurately understanding global developments to our own people. Only then our nation will fully appreciate the opportunities and challenges that lie before it." Without any hesitation it can be said that the reader will feel fully informed about both these objectives after reading his book.

CULTURAL FOUNDATIONS

The author is not only richly experienced in international relations, but his unique quality is his deep understanding and belief in Bharat's cultural ethos. The author is of the belief that "A major rising power, however, needs more than just an accurate landscape analysis and ability to act on it. It must, first of all, be confident of its own values and beliefs and base its policies on those convictions. These will draw from the totality of its culture, heritage and traditions. That is why India can only rise when it is truly Bharat." Hence, in this book Jaishankar draws inspirations from some of the episodes of our two major epics — the Ramayana and the Mahabharata — while narrating approaches in our foreign relations.

Foreign Minister S. Jaishankar presenting the first copy of his book 'Why Bharat Matters' to Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The author details how Hanuman in Ramayana is perceived as an exemplary embodiment of service who performs his duties undaunted by any obstacles. And Sri Krishna, who in Mahabharata, is regarded more as a strategist and counsellor, a source of wisdom in difficult moments. Jaishankar draws inspiration and parallels from such heroes of these cultural stories in explaining the current approach to Bharat's international relations.

ELEGANT SWAN AND MODI'S IMPACT

The author confesses that the diplomacy of a major country is very arduous. "What public sees is an elegant swan; underneath, there is furious paddling." He credits Prime Minister Narendra Modi's work style, which is his ability to constantly integrate the big picture and the smallest of details. He feels that the 'what' and 'how' of Modi's foreign policy is there for all to see. However, the more complex proposition of 'why' is hidden in Modi's deeper commitment to national rejuvenation and the resurgence of a civilisation.

FOREIGN POLICY UNDER MODI

The book provides an elaborate framework explaining the transformations in Bharat's foreign policy approaches since 2014. Having provided with the world view from the Bharat's points of view, the author explains how our foreign policy is the outcome of our internal political and economic performances. Further, how our foreign policy is influenced by the state of the world as well and its proper understanding in the context of our own strengths and weaknesses.

In the past decade, the world has undergone fundamental changes. Cold War has given way to bi-polar and multi-polar relationships. And therefore 'New Delhi has shed much of the ideological baggage of the past.' Bharat has been successful in dealing with quick changes such as Brexit and post Brexit relationships with Britain and at the same time the remaining countries of European Union. Similarly, Bharat managed to swiftly and safely manoeuvre the political as well as the economic consequences of Russia-Ukraine war. And very recently the Israel-Palestine war. In both these cases our stakes in all the warring countries were very deep. Yet, Bharat managed to remain unaffected and more importantly maintained good foreign relations with all of them.

Interestingly, today wherever there is international strife, all the countries of the world are looking forward to Bharat to intervene and find mutually acceptable solutions. This is because as per the author "In the last quarter of a century, India has grown to emerge as the fifth largest economy, a nuclear weapon power, a technology centre, a reservoir of global talent and an active shaper of international debates. Its interests and influence have grown well beyond the Subcontinent."

SWIMMING UPSTREAM

However, Jaishankar is conscious of the fact that the present world order is built by certain key players to serve their purpose, "a power like India will have to swim upstream for a long time to come." Yet, henceforth India will no longer be a punching bag in the politics of others. The author is fully convinced that "With each passing day it is becoming clearer that India matters because it is Bharat."

This is S. Jaishankar's second book, and his first book was titled *'The India Way: Strategies for an Uncertain World.'* Both the books, coming from a highly experienced career diplomat and a successful Foreign Minister, will be very important source of learning for the students of International Affairs. And, of course, to those who evince interest in this area.

NOTE: *In a democracy where universal adult franchise is the instrument to elect the government periodically, a majority of the voters are unable to appreciate the kind of leadership given to the nation by bureaucrats like S. Jaishankar and politicians like Narendra Modi.* **—KBG**

Extend 5% property tax rebate by one month: Former Mayor Bhyrappa

Mysuru, May 3 (GA&DM)- With the deadline for 5 percent rebate on property tax having ended on Apr. 30, former Mayor B.L. Bhyrappa has urged the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) to extend the rebate period by one more month as many people could not utilise the facility due to technical glitches and absence of officials owing to Lok Sabha polls.

B.L. Bhyrappa

Addressing a press meet at Patrakartara Bhavan this morning, he said the 5 percent rebate on property tax was in force from Apr. 1 to 30. But this year, there were many glitches in online payment of property tax and many public holidays. Hence, MCC should extend the tax rebate for one more month, he urged.

Pointing out that the MCC has collected just Rs. 90 crore property tax as against the target of Rs. 220 crore, Bhyrappa contended that the extension of 5 percent tax rebate by one more month will surely help the MCC collect more tax from property owners. Such an extension will also benefit a large chunk of property owners who could not avail the facility due to various reasons, he added.

J.P. Nagar Yoga Trust member Venkatesh and J.P. Nagar Tennis Club member Vasu were present at the press meet.

Electric vehicles, charging stations surge

(Continued from page 1)

In the RTO East, as of April 2024, over 1,292 vehicles have been registered. Among them, 30 are light motor vehicles, 24 are autorickshaws and an impressive 1,238 electric two-wheelers have been registered. It's noteworthy that two and three-wheelers have spearheaded the surge in EV sales, constituting a significant majority of all EV sales in the region.

Vehicle charging infrastructure

In tandem with the rise in the number of EVs, the infrastructure necessary for charging these vehicles has also experienced a notable uptick. As of 2024, Mysuru city boasts 15 charging points, while there are 36 licensed charging points in the jurisdiction of Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) — five districts. These charging stations have been established with the approval of CESC.

Upon submission of an application for an EV charging point, the CESC grants an LT6(C) connection. A rate of Rs. 4.50 per unit is applicable for electricity consumed at these charging points.

In addition to the officially registered charging stations, numerous commercial charging points have been established at malls, hotels and lodges in Mysuru. These commercial charging points operate at rates ranging from Rs. 7 to Rs. 8 per unit.

An officer from the Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) noted, "We do not possess an exact count of such EV charging points in Mysuru as we lack a comprehensive list. This is primarily because these charging points operate at commercial rates and are not considered illegal. However, if they choose to register with CESC and acquire an LT6(C) connection, they could benefit from reduced rates, priced at Rs. 4.50 per unit instead of the commercial rates."

CESC stations

CESC officially operates charging points at Kesare, Hinkal, its administrative office at Kuvempunagar and at Kadakola Guest House. Additionally, the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) has established its own EV charging points at the Sub-Urban Bus Stand, Bannimantap Depot, Virajpet and Madikeri bus stands, as well as at Gundlupet. It's important to note that these charging points are reserved exclusively for the use of KSRTC buses and are not accessible to the general public.

With ongoing Government support, technological advancements and a robust network of manufacturers, suppliers and service providers, officials anticipate exponential growth in the electric vehicle industry in the years ahead. The Indian Government has greenlit a new electric vehicle initiative, complete with tax incentives, to position India as a premier manufacturing hub.

Sex scandal

H.D. Revanna withdraws anticipatory bail petition

Bengaluru, May 3 (Agencies)- Former Minister and JD(S) leader H.D. Revanna, who was booked for kidnapping one of the alleged victims of sexual abuse by his son and Hassan MP Prajwal Revanna, has withdrawn his anticipatory bail petition.

An FIR was registered hours before the anticipatory bail plea of Revanna came up for hearing in the Special Court for People's Representatives in Bengaluru today. The High Court had yesterday transferred the hearing on the anticipatory bail plea to the Special Court for People's Representatives.

The alleged victim earlier worked as a maid in Revanna's household for six years. A video of her being 'raped' by Prajwal is in circulation, Police sources said.

Revanna was earlier booked for sexual harassment based on the complaint of another former maid in his house. He sought anticipatory bail in that case. However, he skipped the summons to appear before the SIT on May 2 for questioning.

Revanna had applied for anticipatory bail fearing arrest and when the case came up before the Special Court this morning, Special Public Prosecutor Byatha N. Jagadeesh told the Court that charges of rape have not been included against Revanna and as such, anticipatory bail is not required. The charges against Revanna are all bailable ones and the anticipatory bail does not hold good in this case, he told the Court.

Rahul Gandhi from Raebareli, no Gandhi in Amethi contest

New Delhi, May 3 (Agencies)- Congress has fielded Rahul Gandhi, also seeking re-election from Kerala's Wayanad, from Raebareli and K.L. Sharma from Amethi as the party released its candidates' list for Lok Sabha polls this morning. Both the seats will be going to election in the fifth phase on May 20.

Rahul Gandhi

The announcement came after much suspense over the two constituencies in Uttar Pradesh.

Both Amethi and Raebareli have been Congress bastions. Rahul Gandhi lost the 2019 LS elections from Amethi to BJP leader and Union Minister Smriti Irani.

But why did Rahul Gandhi choose the Raebareli seat? Well, many say Raebareli is safer than Amethi to win for Rahul. The Gandhi family has been winning the Raebareli since 1952.

Rahul's grandfather, Feroze Gandhi, grandmother, Indira Gandhi and mother, Sonia Gandhi, have represented the seat before. Also, many within the Congress thought that the Amethi had ceased to be a family seat after Smriti Irani defeated Rahul Gandhi in 2019.

"Rahul Gandhi had to contest from UP. Contesting from Amethi would have converted the fight into Rahul Vs Smriti. In that scenario, Rahul would have needed more time in Amethi. Raebareli remains a safer seat," said a Congress leader.

Rahul Gandhi is expected to file his nominations soon, while K.L. Sharma has already filed. Today is the last day for the same.

Congress loyalist Sharma will face Smriti Irani in Amethi in the elections. "Even if Sharma loses, it won't be a big deal," the Congress leader said.

Meanwhile, Rahul Gandhi's opponent would be Dinesh Pratap Singh, who was announced as the BJP's pick from Raebareli on Thursday. Dinesh Singh had lost the 2019 LS polls to former Congress chief Sonia Gandhi.

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Work hard to adorn top post: C. Shikha

649 students of JSS Women's College receive various degrees in Graduation Day ceremony

Mysuru, May 3 (MTY&BS)- C. Shikha, Commissioner, Department of Commercial Taxes, has advised the students to study hard with an aim to decorate higher position in profession with each having its own distinct quality.

She was addressing the gathering of students during 16th Graduation Day ceremony organised at Navajyothi auditorium of JSS Women's College, Saraswathipuram, in city recently.

"The manpower is essential to handle any technology and neither would anybody lose job with the advent of new technology. Hence it is imperative to upgrade our skills keeping in pace with the changing time. Not all were possessing cell phone 17 years ago, but now everybody has a cell phone, as an evident to the technology that grew at a faster pace in the last 17 years of 2,000 years since the evolution of civilisation," asserted Shikha, who had previously served as the Deputy Commissioner (DC) of Mysuru.

"Every profession is great without any superior or inferior quality attached to it, but you should aim for acquiring top positions, which requires efforts. If one gets a job, he or she can take care of their family, but if you launch your own start-ups and become an entrepreneur you can give jobs to others, helping them run their families too. So, your aim should be productive and maintain a fine balance between your professional life and personal life. Don't be afraid of criticisms and work according to the fixed time table without losing your focus," advised Shikha.

Executive Secretary of JSS Mahavidyapeetha Dr. C.G. Betsurmath administered oath to the graduates.

Newly graduated students S.U. Chandushri, R. Shambhavi and Sowjanya S. Gangavathi and parents Dr. L. Nanjunda Swamy and N.C. Nagaraju shared their opinion at the ceremony.

A total of 649 students of 2022-23 batch received their degrees, that included 329 students passing out with distinction and 221 in first class. Among the Post-Graduate (PG) students, 14 passed in distinction and 85 in first class.

Medal, Prize Winners

The top three ranks were bagged by respective students securing gold medals and cash prizes. BA - M. Lakshmi, M.K. Tanmayi and K. Pallavi; B.Sc - P.R. Lavanya, M. Ranjitha and K.J. Megha; B.Com - P. Kavana, S.P. Lisha Nandini and S.U. Chandushri; BBA - R. Lavanya, K.A. Nayana and A.S. Saraswathi; BCA - S. Anusha, V.V. Suchitra and M. Ananya.

In the Post-Graduate section, following students bagged top two ranks: MA (Economics) - Anjana and A.S. Anupama, M.Com- B. Harshitha and C.M. Bhavya; M.Sc (Chemistry) - M. Varsha and Sowjanya S. Gangavathi.

Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graced the ceremony.

CPA (Certified Public Accountant/ Chartered Accountant) in USA Shalini Gupta and Anupama Vashista were present on the occasion.

S. Vyshnavi and Vrunda rendered invocation, while College Principal Dr. M. Poornima welcomed the gathering. J. Pushpalatha compered the event. Dean (Academic) Dr. Rechanna proposed a vote of thanks.

Rotary Venus Shramajeevi Awards conferred

Mysuru, May 3 (BS)- Senior Labour Officer H.P. Jayanna said, "It is essential to create awareness about labour laws among the labourers."

He was addressing the gathering during a programme organised to confer Rotary Venus Shramajeevi Awards at Rotary Hall on JLB Road in city on Wednesday.

"The Central and State Governments have made several laws for the security and welfare of labourers. However, nowadays the contractual employees are meted out injustice with due facilities and benefits not provided in time to them," rued Jayanna.

There are some instances of contract staff suffering at the hands of their employers and the Department of Labour Welfare is working towards preventing such atrocities, besides creating awareness among the labourers, he added.

Rotary Venus Shramajeevi Awards were conferred on Anganwadi Teacher S. Radhika and Nurse Mary.

Rotary Mysore Midtown President Rtn. D. Srinivasan, Hon. Secretary Rtn. Sathyendra Kashyap and award sponsor R. Venkatesh were present.

Chinnara Natakotsava begins at Rangayana

Mysuru, May 3- The five-day long Chinnara Natakotsava organised by Rangayana for the children taking part in this year's Chinnara Mela began here yesterday with the staging of a mythological play 'Sri Krishna Garudi', here yesterday.

Earlier, the Natakotsava was inaugurated by noted Theatre Director Sridhar Heggodu by reciting a song 'Aata Aata...Chinnara Meladalli Makkala Aata'.

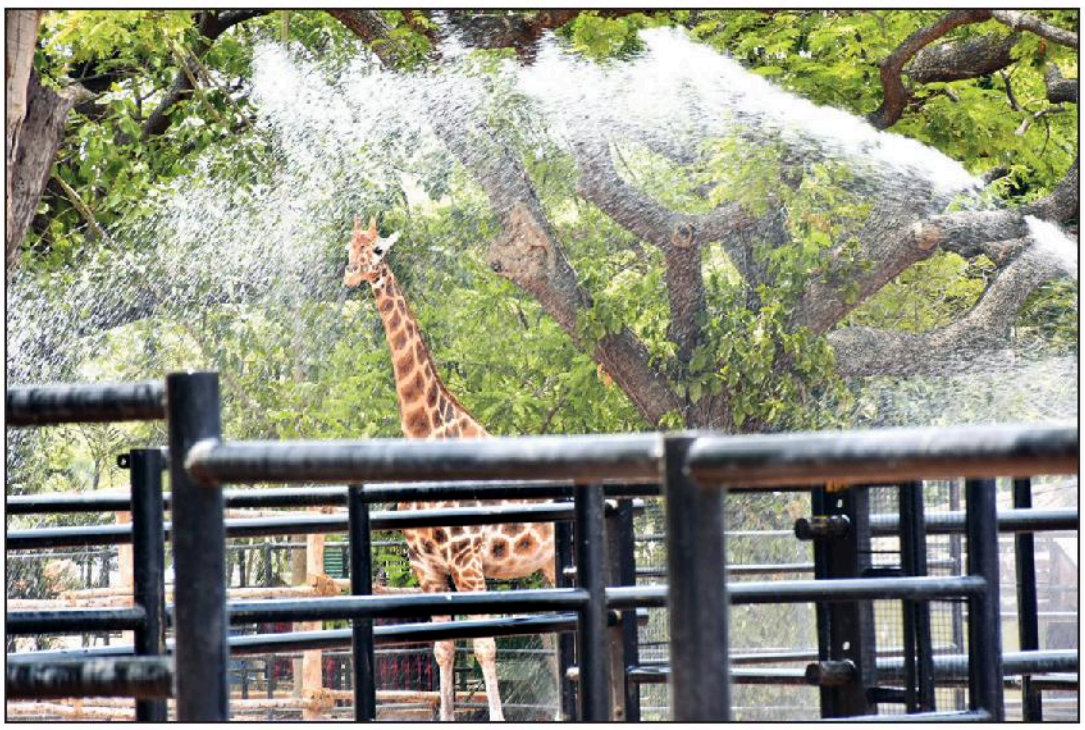
On seeing the raindrops falling from the skies, elated children jumped and danced expressing their joy before the commencement of the play.

Department of Kannada Culture Joint Director V.A. Mallikarjuna Swamy, Senior Artiste and Theatre Director Mime Ramesh, Rangayana Deputy Director Nirmala Matapathi, Chinnara Mela Convenor Geetha Montadka were present.

The valedictory of the natakotsava will be held on May 6.

Cool Zoo...ne

Mysuru Zoo helps animals cope the summer heat with sprinklers, foggers, electrolytes, fruit diet



Water sprinklers being used to help the animals beat the extreme heat at Mysuru Zoo this morning.

Mysuru, May 3 (MTY&BCT)- Mysuru's average temperature has soared beyond 40 degrees Celsius, prompting residents to seek refuge in air-conditioned comfort to combat the heat.

As is customary every year, the authorities at Mysuru Zoo have initiated measures to ensure the well-being of its inhabitants, with animals receiving showers at least two or three times daily, along with adjustments to their diets.

More than 1,200 animals and birds at Mysuru Zoo, including primates such as orangutans, gorillas and chimpanzees are keeping cool thanks to the proactive measures implemented by Zoo management.

Individual cages and enclosures now boast of sprinkler systems, providing animals with a refreshing respite. The playful sight of animals interacting with water has become a common occurrence within the Zoo. Even the moated enclosures housing larger animals are equipped with water sprinklers and jets, ensuring their comfort during the scorching weather.

DAILY WATER SHOWERS

Special arrangements have been made to cater to the needs of sensitive and large animals, with daily water showers for some species. Giraffe enclosures are fitted with sprinkler jets to ensure their well-being. Ice cubes are being distributed within the enclosures of tigers and bears, as well as in the ponds, to provide additional relief from the heat.

Recognising the importance of hydration, Zoo officials are diligently providing animals with electrolytes, glucose and calcium tablets to replenish body salts. Jets spray water onto animals, particularly those exposed to the elements such as elephants, giraffes, zebras, camels, lions, and chimpanzees.

Ouembo, the male Gorilla, cooling off with a fruit popsicle at the Zoo.

The well-being of captive animals during sweltering heat is paramount, as they are prone to dehydration. D. Mahesh Kumar, the Zoo Executive Director, emphasised the shift in dietary requirements during such conditions, focusing on increased water intake and cooling foods rather than protein-rich diets. These modifications aim to ensure the health and comfort of the Zoo's residents during the challenging heat waves.

The 132-year-old Zoo houses nearly 1,400 mammals, birds and reptiles including exotic species. The vast green cover in the 157-acre garden offers much-needed shade and the temperatures are a couple of notches down when compared to the city temperatures.

RESULT-ORIENTED APPROACH

"We are observing positive outcomes from the measures implemented to ensure the animals' comfort, particularly focusing on water management, providing shade, and optimising their diet. These priorities are diligently adhered to and consistently monitored," Mahesh Kumar told *Star of Mysore* this morning.

"We have installed foggers in bird houses, where mist is sprayed forcefully to create a cooling effect. Additionally, for herbivores such as deer and Indian gaur, we've constructed wallow ponds containing a blend of slush and water. These ponds enable the animals to regulate their body temperatures effectively while also keeping them free from insects," he added.

The Zoo has taken steps to increase the water and moisture content in the animals' diets, incorporating foods such as tender coconut, watermelon and cucumber. To address the loss of electrolytes and salt caused by excessive heat, they provide ORS to maintain a proper balance.

FIBRE-RICH DIET

Tender coconuts and cucumbers are regularly fed to primates like chimpanzees, orangutans, gorillas and monkeys. For ring-tailed lemurs, feeding is facilitated through bottles. While gorillas and chimpanzees can open tender coconuts themselves, lemurs require bottle feeding. Electrolyte is added to the water troughs of the animals.

"Our management strategy involves adjusting the animals' diet to reduce protein and carbohydrate intake while increasing the consumption of high-fibre and high-water content foods. With a focus on energy conservation and preventing dehydration, we prioritise avoiding sugary foods and favouring fibre-rich options," Executive Director Mahesh Kumar explained.

During the evening hours, when animals are housed in their cages, measures have been taken to keep them cool. Limestone has been applied to the cage walls to reflect heat and terrace gardens have been constructed atop cages housing gorillas and orangutans to provide additional cooling, he added.■

Zoo staff unloading green fodder for the animals.

WORD OF THE DAY

Exodus

Pronunciation: EK-suh-dus.
Meaning: An exodus is a situation in which many people leave a place at the same time — in other words a mass departure or emigration.
Origin: The Biblical book of Exodus describes the departure of the Israelites from Egypt, so it's no surprise that the word exodus, uncapitalised, has come to refer more generally to any mass departure. Exodus was adopted into English (via Latin) from the Greek word Exodos, which literally means "the road out." Exodos was formed by combining the prefix ex-, meaning "out of," and hodos, meaning "road" or "way." Indeed, many roads led out of hodos into English; other hodos descendants include episode, method, odometer, and period. While exodus is occasionally encountered in reference to an individual's leaving (e.g., "his/her/their exodus"), such usage is likely to raise the eyebrows of editors who feel it should only refer to the departure *en masse* of a large group of people, as when novelist Nnedi Okorafor writes in her science fiction novel Lagoon (2015): "Everyone was trying to get somewhere, be it a church, a bar, home or out of Lagos. Then there was the exodus of people... to the parts of the city that had the least chance of flooding if the water rose too high."
Example: "Experts link lower rents to a possible drop in demand after population losses during a recent exodus from parts of Southern California. As the State's population has stagnated, some believe demand may cool and dampen rent growth." —Anthony de Leon, The Los Angeles Times, 14 Mar. 2024.

THE ODD WORD

Echoism

The formation of imitative words.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Easier said than done

Meaning: The phrase 'Easier said than done' is said of a task that is easier to talk about than to do.
Origin: Like so many popular sayings, the origin of 'easier said than done' can be found in venerable literature. This common expression was first seen in print in the Terentius Afer's 1483 book, Vulgaria Terentii, and was worded in the language of the day as: "It is easyer to saye than to do."
Example: "Finding a good job is easier said than done."

QUOTE BOX

Dream, dream, dream. Dreams transform into thoughts and thoughts result in action. **—Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

[Income]

Answer: High income bracket(s).

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Commander, in short ?
4 Printed Circuit Board, abbr.
7 Talkative bird
11 Filled pastry crust
12 Seventeenth letter of the Greek alphabet
13 Long or indefinite period; an age
14 Large dog
17 Dare, old style English
18 Rocky headland
20 On the __ : tensely watchful?
22 Observed
23 Life Insurance Corporation, acronym?
24 European freshwater fish of carp family
27 Utter a series of oaths; swear (3,3)
31 Drum kit components
33 Customary
34 Ind. Med. Assoc.
35 Twinkler in night sky
37 It's a fact
39 Evoke hostility or opposition in
42 Black fuel
43 The whole of creation
46 English painter
47 Eastern Daylight Time, abbr.
48 Any doctrine
49 Idiotic persons
50 Skipper's plea
51 Illustrative craft

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

I	P	O	D	■	R	A	N	G	■	M	U	D
P	E	R	U	■	S	M	E	E	■	A	P	I
A	L	E	C	■	T	O	W	N	S	H	I	P
D	E	L	H	I	■	■	S	O	D	A	■	■
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G	E	T	S	O	V	E	R	■	■	A	T	O
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T	R	Y	■	■	I	N	M	O	T	I	O	N
M	E	A	N	S	■	S	P	A	T	■	■	■
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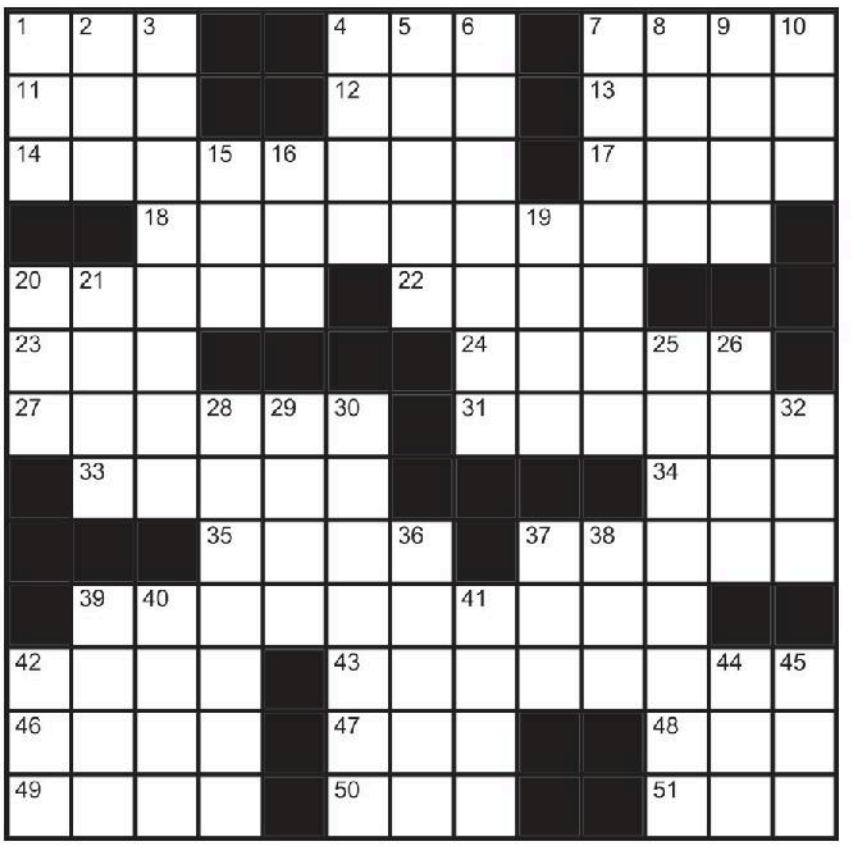
DOWN

1 Closest Point of Approach
2 Aamir and Madhuri's musical hit of 1990
3 Admires; refers or relates to?
4 Stiffly formal
5 Disorder or disarray
6 Hinged covers over engines of motor vehicles
7 "Papa don't preach" singer
8 Period of time
9 Inquisitive
10 Small industrious insect
15 Flightboard abbr.
16 Small child
19 Adolescent
20 Everybody
21 Place; stead
25 Judging standards
26 Ex-India skipper Adhikari
28 Steals cattle?
29 Intl. Air Transp. Assoc.
30 Epidemics
32 Samuel's pet name
36 Musical composition
37 Division, in short is also Roman 504
38 Suffix for enzymes
39 Aircraft Owners and Pilots Assoc.
40 A naive person
41 Eggs of insects
42 Dove sound
44 Former Rus. state
45 Medic, briefly



SUDOKU

2				4				3
			5		8			
	9						7	
7		4				8		9
	8	5				4	1	
9		2				7		6
	3						6	
			9		2			
1				8				7

Answer to previous puzzle

5	8	7	2	4	1	9	6	3
1	6	4	5	3	9	2	8	7
2	3	9	6	8	7	5	1	4
9	7	5	3	2	8	6	4	1
4	1	6	7	9	5	8	3	2
8	2	3	1	6	4	7	5	9
3	4	2	9	5	6	1	7	8
7	5	8	4	1	2	3	9	6
6	9	1	8	7	3	4	2	5

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

MPCQTPR KJAAF, T SPWAJFKBPW KGA ZABPTPR CO EBKTAPYA.

MPCQTPR RJBFF, T YBP BEEJAYTBKA EAJFTFKAPYA.

TODAY'S CLUE: R EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: If you want to keep something concealed from your enemy, don't disclose it to your friend.

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Kung Fu Panda 4 (E-3D)	(S-1)	11.30 am
Godzilla X Kong: New Empire (E-3D)	(S-1)	1.40 pm
Ghillie (Ta)	(S-1)	4 pm
The Fall Guy (E)	(S-1)	7.10 pm, 9.50 pm
	(S-4)	11.10 am, 4.35 pm
Anjaam Vedham (Ma)	(S-2)	11 am
O2 (K)	(S-2)	1.45 pm
Usire Usire (K)	(S-2)	4.05 pm
Aavesham (Ma)	(S-2)	7.05 pm
Nadikar (Ma)	(S-2)	10.05 pm
Kangaroo (K)	(S-3)	11 am
Billa (Ta)	(S-3)	1.35 pm
Aranmanai 4 (Ta)	(S-3)	4.20 pm, 10.05 pm
Prasannavadhanam (Te)	(S-3)	7.15 pm
Sabari (Te)	(S-4)	1.50 pm
Malayalee from India (Ma)	(S-4)	7.10 pm
Aa Okkatti Adakku (Te)	(S-4)	10.15 pm

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Aranmanai 4 (Ta)	:	1.10 pm, 6.45 pm
Matinee (K)	:	1.15 pm
Usire Usire (K)	:	4 pm, 9.15 pm
Kangaroo (K)	:	4.05 pm
Prasanna Vadanam (Te)	:	6.40 pm
Godzilla X Kong: New Empire (E-3D)	:	6.55 pm
Anjaam Vedham (Ma)	:	9.30 pm
Kurangu Pedal (Ta)	:	9.30 pm

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The Fall Guy (E)	:	9.35 am, 12.25 pm
		6.40 pm, 9.30 pm
Aranmanai 4 (Ta)	:	10 am, 4.15 pm, 10.30 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	11.30 am
Kangaroo (K)	:	12.15 pm
Aa Okkati Adakku (Te)	:	12.50 pm
Nadikar (Ma)	:	1.10 pm, 7.25 pm, 9.45 pm
Godzilla vs. Kong (E)	:	3.05 pm
Malayalee from India (Ma)	:	3.15 pm
Tarot (E)	:	3.45 pm, 9.20 pm
Aavesham (Ma)	:	6 pm
Naach Ga Ghuma (Ma)	:	6.45 pm

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The Fall Guy (E)	:	10.40 am, 1.30 pm, 7.25 pm
Aranmanai 2 (Ta)	:	11.25 am, 6.20 pm, 9.30 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	2.35 pm
Usire Usire (K)	:	3.10 pm
Prasanna Vadanam (Te)	:	4.20 pm
Aavesham (Ma)	:	10.15 pm

EVENTS TODAY (MAY 3)

- **Sri Prasanna Sundara Rama Mandira Seva Samiti Trust, Mysuru:** 88th Annual Sri Ramotsava, cultural programme - Tyagaraja's Pancharatna Kriti by Music Scholars and Goshti Gayana, Sri Rama Mandira, Jayanagar 2nd Main Road, **6.30 pm.**
- **Ganabharathi:** Vocal Concert by Vidu. Ila Sangeetha Dileep, accompanied by Vidu. C.V. Shruthi on violin, Vid. Anoor Ananthakrishna Sharma on mridanga and Vid. Sunaad Anoor on kanjira, Ganabharathi, Kuvempunagar, **6.30 pm.**
- **Rangayana, Mysuru:** Chinnara Mela-2024, Chinnara Natakotsava (Children's Theatre Festival), staging of play 'Kempu Hu' by Kittale troupe (Team-1), Vanaranga, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (MAY 4)

- **Putta Hejje - Early Intervention Centre:** Autism Awareness and Acceptance Month, Parent Training Seminar 'Understanding Autism,' Putta Hejje, Asha Kirana Hospital, **10 am to 4 pm.** [Mob: 98867-24132]
- **Sri Prasanna Sundara Rama Mandira Seva Samiti Trust, Mysuru:** 88th Annual Sri Ramotsava, Sri Rama Pattabhisheka, Sri Ramataraka Homa, Purnahuti, Anna Santarpane, **12.30 pm;** Cultural programme - Classical Music Concert by Vid. Bellary M. Raghavendra, Sri Rama Mandira, Jayanagar 2nd Main Road, **6.30 pm.**
- **Rangayana, Mysuru:** Chinnara Mela-2024, Chinnara Natakotsava (Children's Theatre Festival), staging of play 'Kubhakarnanebbisi' by Papaya troupe (Team-8), Vanaranga, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **Kalasuruchi, Mysuru:** As part of 'Kathe Kelona Banni-826,' story-telling by V. Jayaprakash, Professor in English, Mysuru, Suruchi Rangamane, # 476, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, **between 4.30 pm and 5.30 pm.**
- **Champaka Educational and Cultural Trust, Mysuru:** 'Chaitra-2024' edition of monthly cultural event "Champaka Rashtreeya Kalaa Utsava," Bharatanatyam performances by disciples of Karnataka Kalashree Vidushi Nayana V. Rai, Founder - Director of Vishwakalaniketana Institute of Arts & Culture and Vidushi Swastika R. Shetty of Puttur, Kudkadi; Bharatanatyam feature by Vidushi S.N. Meghana Rao, Director of Natya Samskruthi Kalanikethana, Mysuru and disciples; Karnataka Kalashree Vidushi G. Rajalakshmi Sreedhar, Director of Swaralaya Music School, Mysuru, chief guest, Champaka Sabhangana, Champaka Academy premises, Ramakrishnanagar, **5 pm onwards.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham, Mysuru:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Nanjangud Road, **(3 Shows) 7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.**

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Aa Okkati Adakku (Te)	:	11.40 am
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The Fall Guy (E)	:	1.55 pm, 7.15 pm, 10 pm
Aranmanai 4 (Ta)	:	2.35 pm, 9 pm
Nadikar (Ma)	:	3.10 pm, 9.30 pm
Malayalee From India (Ma)	:	6.15 pm

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Aranmanai 4 (Ta)	:	11.45 am, 5.50 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	12.10 pm
Kangaroo (K)	:	12.50 pm
The Fall Guy (E)	:	1.55 pm, 7.45 pm, 9 pm
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	:	2.55 pm
Usire Usire (K)	:	3.40 pm
Prasanna Vadanam (Te)	:	4.40 pm
Aavesham (Ma)	:	6.50 pm
Malayalee From India (Ma)	:	10.10 pm
Nadikar (Ma)	:	10.30 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15.

Cartoonists Day in city on May 5

Cartoons expo on May 6

Mysuru, May 3- As part of World Cartoonists Day celebrations, Karnataka Cartoonists Association, Bangalore Press Club and District Kannada Sahitya Parishat will be jointly organising an exhibition of cartoons by city's well-known cartoonist and Full Brighter M.V. Nagendra Babu (Banter Babu) on May 5 and 6 at Mysuru Art Gallery on Ramanuja Road here.

The exhibition will be inaugurated by H.V. Rajeev, Chairman, Pramathi Educational Institution, Mysuru at 5 pm on May 5. Kannada Sahitya Kalakoota President M. Chandrashekar will deliver the keynote address.

Renowned sculptor and Mysuru Art Gallery President L. Shivalingappa, Karnataka Cartoonists Association, Bengaluru, President V.R.C. Shekar, Art Patron Dr. K. Raghuram Vajpayee and 'Yoga With Srinath' Founder Srinath will be the chief guests.

District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Maddikere Gopal will preside.

The cartoon expo will be open for public on May 6 between 11 am and 5 pm.

National Cartoonists Day, on May 5, is a world-wide celebration of cartoonists and their work.

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